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Alberta Safety Council

Thousands of rural fair patrons in Alberta this summer are being provided with practical demonstrations in farm safety measures through programs sponsored by the Alberta Safety Council.

In the Peace River country, Prof. B. T. Stephanson, of the department of agricultural engineering, University of Alberta, is providing a series of tractor tipping demonstrations at rural fairs to promote safety and prevent accidents.

W. J. Perkins, farm safety director for the Safety Council, is in the region east of Edmonton to promote fire safety showings at rural fairs.

Mr. Perkins is working in close co-operation with the Alberta fire commissioner's office and local fire chiefs. Among the points where the programs will be staged are Lloydminster, Vermilion, and Vegreville.

In 1956, farm fires, took a total of 14 lives. Already this year, there have been 21 deaths in fires, which again emphasizes the need of intensified farm safety education.

The careful handling of petroleum products is being featured in this phase of the safety work at the fairs. In several instances these products have been the cause of fires and fatalities.

In recent years, the Safety Council has devoted a lot of its farm safety work to tractor demonstrations. Last year, there were 16 deaths in tractor accidents, compared with 22 the year before, and undoubtedly much of this improvement was due to the tractor tipping safety programs.

As all other sections of the province had been covered, it was decided this year to confine the tractor demonstrations to the Peace River area.

Accordingly, arrangements were made for Prof. Stephanson to be at the Grande Prairie fair August 5 and 6; Donnelly, August 7 and 8; Berwyn, Aug. 11; Manning, Aug. 12 and 13; and High Prairie, August 15 and 16. In this way, various centres will be served.

The university has generously supplied the tractor for these safety showings, while the truck to transport the equipment was furnished promptly by the Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd.

The value of these demonstrations is recognized by the district agriculturists and others in the Peace River area who made a request for the northern districts to be included in the 1957 program.

Probably as a result of these demonstrations, there has been a marked drop in deaths from backfipping of tractors. Last year, there was only one of this type of accident compared with six the year before. Some years ago, backflips caused about half of all tractor deaths.

In 1956, farm tractor accidents resulted in two youngsters, one a two-year-old and the other three years, being run over by parents. An eight-year-old boy was killed while plowing a field. In another instance, a 16 year-old youth was killed when the tractor tipped in a farmyard, a 17 year-old boy was fatally injured when the tractor tipped while cutting hay in a roadside ditch.

The Safety Council says half of the 16 tractor deaths last year occurred during the harvest period in the fall months. It warns that "Haste and Fatigue Makes a Deadly Combination."

Obituary

SUSAN KING

Mrs. Susan King, a long time resident of the Delia and Michichi districts, passed away in the Drumheller Municipal Hospital on Sunday, July 28, 1957, at the age of 79 years. Mrs. S. King came to the Delia district in 1908, and moved to Michichi in 1948. Mrs. King was born in Ontario in the year 1878, and was united in marriage to Mr James King in Toronto on the 5th December, 1907.

She is survived by her loving husband James, who lives at Michichi—4 sons, Karl and Bruce, of Michichi; George, of Munson; and Norman, of Swalwell. Two daughters, Mrs. Ed. Foster, of Carbon; and Mrs. John Dickson, of Hinton. Fifteen grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Mrs. King was a long time member of the Delia Inter-Denominational Church.

Funeral services were conducted from the Michichi Community Hall on Tuesday, 30th July, 1957, at two p.m., with Rev. Thomas Seeley officiating.

Hymns sung—Rock of Ages, Will Your Anchor Hold.

Solo—Mrs A. Whitman, "Beyond the Sunset".

Pallbearers—Clifford Friedley, Elmer Friedley, Ivan Hanson, Austin Whitman, Ed. Todd, and George Martin.

Interment followed in the Delia cemetery.

Whyte Funeral Home of Hanna, was in charge of all funeral arrangements.

The Fabulous Irishman

When Governor Furcolo of Massachusetts held a breakfast for the visiting Lord Mayor of Dublin he invited a Father Manton to offer the invocation. We feel deeply indebted to Walter A. Dales Writing Services for publishing the text of this invocation in June issue of *The Station Break*. This is as bright and witty a peace of writing as we have seen for a long time and we couldn't resist the impulse to share it with our readers. Since this toast was delivered Robert Briscoe has been replaced as Lord Mayor of Dublin, the first Jew to hold that high office in the city's thousand year history.

"Almighty God, Our Good and Gracious Father, we find ourselves a bit bewildered this morning. You know that the first President of the Irish Republic was a Protestant; the present Lord Major of Dublin is a Jew; the Lakes of Killarney belong to a Yank, and the historians keep hissing in our ears that St. Patrick was a Frenchman.

"Help us this morning to hold high the brimming cup of hospitality to a good and great man and to greet him not as a stranger but as a treasured friend. And while he is over here, make him in the best sense of the word a fair-weather friend, with none of those "soft" days they sometimes have in Ireland, where, of course, it never rains, but those are only silver harp strings coming down—just a few drops of holy water sprinkled on the windshield. Deign to give him serene and mellow weather so that he will go back as bright and fresh as the colors in the Book of Kells.

"And, dear God, stay the man up with monumental patience as he heroically endures a hundred toastmasters who will gaily imagine that the very fillings in their teeth are fragments of the Blarney Stone, as they ring all the obvious changes on a Jewish Mayor of Dublin. Help the poor man not to be hungry and weary of all these glib attempts to paint a green beard on Moses, or by the end he will be seeing little Lepra Cohens.

"Deliver him, O Lord, this real Irishman who risked his life for the land he loved, from any professional Irishman with an angle. There are mercifully very few, but spare him from these, the shan-van-vaughts, the bogus bog-trotters, the synthetic Sinn Feiners and especially the psycho-Patricks who love too loudly through a green nose an Ireland that never was.

"Instead, let him meet our wonderful best, the many genuine practical people who appreciate that the purpose of this trip is not merely the wearin' of the green, but the sharin' of the green, by touring in Ireland and by trading with Ireland.

"Finally, dear God, bless this man, our friend, and this meal, our food, and today let the blessing come down even on the English muffins and the orange juice, so that having broken our fast at the top of the morning we may rise thanking You from the bottom of our hearts, Amen"

—The Letter Review.

In a year Canadian railways transport about thirty million passengers, but passenger traffic provides less than ten per cent of the rail industry's revenue.

Play it Safe In the Water

Enjoy Living—Swim Safely

This is the message which your Red Cross asks you to head as you head for water.

During the summer months Albertans will take to the open road for relaxation and pleasure.

A popular spot for holiday-goers of all ages will be on the beaches, near rivers or streams.

Red Cross water safety instructors urge young and old alike to "Play it safe," whether it be on the water by observing basic water safety rules.

Safe Swimming

DON'T swim alone.

DON'T swim at unsupervised places.

DON'T dive into unknown water.

DON'T swim after eating. Wait at least 2 hours.

DON'T swim when overheated.

DON'T swim when overtired.

DON'T swim too far from shore.

DON'T swim after dark unless with the organized swimming area and accompanied by a "buddy".

DON'T panic if you get into difficulties.

DON'T "duck" or push bathers into water. Playfulness may cost a life.

Safe Boating

DON'T go in a small boat unless you can swim or wear a life preserver.

DON'T overload any boat.

DON'T use any boat that is not seaworthy.

DON'T go boating in stormy weather.

DON'T stand up in a boat or canoe.

DON'T change places in a small boat.

DON'T leave the boat if it capsizes. Cling to it until rescued.

DON'T dive from boats.

DON'T use home-made rafts or logs as boats.

Searle Precipitation Report

Compiled from the records of Government and Searle Rain Gauges. Records up to and including July 25, 1957.

During the past week, high temperatures and lack of any appreciable rainfall over most of Saskatchewan and Alberta brought further deterioration to crops many of which are now rapidly approaching maturity. Up until fairly recently a general rain would have been beneficial and would have assisted materially in filling. An early down crop enters the month of August, however, it is clear that rainfall occurring from now on cannot improve the situation very much, if at all.

The 1957 season was characterized by low moisture reserves to start with and a lack of general rains during the growing season to replenish the deficiency. Under these conditions, except where timely showers have fallen at intervals, the crop was unable to withstand the heat and generally dry conditions which have prevailed in recent weeks.

Growing season rains from April 1st to July 29th now stand at 66 per cent of normal in the case of Alberta, 70 per cent of normal in the case of Saskatchewan, and 100 per cent of normal in the case of Manitoba, giving a weighted average for the three Prairie Provinces of 72 per cent of normal.

The total overall moisture condition of the three Prairie Provinces, which takes into account the moisture that accumulated prior to the present growing season on stubble and summerfallow, now stands at 91 per cent of normal compared with 92 per cent last week and 98 per cent at this time a year ago. Respective figures for the three provinces are as follows: Alberta, 90 per of normal; Saskatchewan, 89 per cent of normal; and Manitoba, 106 per cent of normal.

There were two historic battles on the Plains of Abraham, the first won by the English forces, the second by the French forces.

—Quick Canadian Facts

Swathing Cereal Grains

Lethbridge Experimental Station Weekly Letter.

D. T. ANDERSON, Agricultural Engineer.

Swathing, and the subsequent use of the windrow pick-up attachment on the combine, was introduced as a means of overcoming some of the hazards involved in straight combine harvesting. These hazards were the possibility of shattering damage by some insects, the ruination of green weed growth in the crop, and lack of uniform maturity. It has been noted that, in an effort to obtain uniformity of ripening, swathing has frequently been carried out at a stage of maturity very close to that at which the crop could be straight combined. The tendency to delay the use of the swather has resulted in some loss of the advantage that could be obtained. Studies have been conducted by the Experimental Farms Service to determine the effect on yield of the use of the swather at various stages of crop growth. It was found that, if wheat was swathed when the kernel moisture content was 40 per cent or higher, some loss of quality and potential yield was experienced. When the kernel had matured to a moisture content of 35 per cent, best quality and maximum yield were obtained. Frequently, swathing has been carried out at a kernel moisture content of 20 per cent or less.

The stage at which the crop should be swathed can be best described as the late dough stage. Kernel colour can be used as a guide to moisture content. At the 40 per cent moisture stage, a hard-threaded sample will contain about an equal proportion of green and golden-coloured kernels. At the 35 per cent stage, the golden colour is prominent and only a few green kernels will be present in the sample.

Wheat swathed at 35 per cent kernel moisture can be threshed after four days of good drying weather. Under similar weather conditions the standing crop requires about nine days to mature for straight combining. The swather can provide definite advantages if it is used at the correct stage of crop maturity.

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Follow the Bands On CBC Summer Shows



Three of Canada's best-known musicians are forsaking their holidays this summer in favor of their patrons to bring their relaxed rhythms to three new CBC-TV variety shows. The three are, left to right, Bert Niosi, Jack Kane and Howard Cable. Niosi and his famed clarinet will be featured each week on "Moonlight Bay", while Kane and Cable will head their own shows. Kane will conduct every Thursday on "Summertime '57", while Cable will be seen in "Showtime with Howard Cable".

Import Restrictions

Section 32 of the Canadian Wheat Board Act forbids the export or import of wheat, oats, barley or any product containing 25 per cent or more of these grains without a permit from the Board. It has recently tightened up on enforcement of regulation in connection with such products as breakfast foods, macaroni, cake mixes, noodles and poultry feed which have been coming into this country in considerable volume.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR QUALITY

There is some promise that the 1957 wheat crop may be of better protein quality than it has been for several years. This, if it occurs, will have come about largely because of the weather.

Quite apart from the weather, however, the farmer can use his best efforts and skill to ensure that he will harvest the best possible grade. A combination of these two qualities, high grade and relatively high protein, will help to improve Canada's position in the now highly competitive wheat markets of the world.

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Not so long ago, the "little red school house" was the end of education for the majority of these children. Now they ride the yellow bus to high school—and may go on to an agricultural college afterwards.

Parents are encouraging their children to get more education so that when they have taken over the farm they'll have a thorough knowledge of agricultural sciences and business management, both so necessary to the production of good and plentiful crops, on a profitable basis.

The prosperity we all enjoy would be impossible if today's farmers weren't doing such a fine job. But those bright, eager children on the yellow bus, tomorrow's farmers, will make an even greater contribution to this country's progress. They'll be able to do this because they will be trained in newer and better farm practices, including the use of farm machinery which will be "revolutionary" even by today's high standards.

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Innisfail oil boom draws great interest

Innisfail's "Oil Boom" was well underway last week with the greatest welter of rumors in history of the area and a large sweltering of facts that will be written into the fine history of town and district.

In the early stages of the new oil development, fact and fiction were blending almost perfectly and officials, as usual, were slow in confirming or denying any given story.

It seemed however, that suddenly the demands for oil leases were greater and that points, a few months ago, hardly worth the paper they were written on had great value. Points were demanding as high as $5,000 and better depending on the man.

Some shrewd deals, it was learned at the week-end were being made by leaseholders. The term "pay a dirt," a foreign expression until recently, was being bandied about with great fluency in many conservations. Some said pay dirt was a depth of feet, while others loudly proclaimed it was 240.

The oil development, as was expected, made quite a difference in the demand for room and board and housing accomodation. It is unlikely that landladies and landlords will see such a demand for many more years to come

Best judge of the fact that the oil development boom was in a new era was made evident from the large number of new arrivals in the town and the fact that these were being thoroughly checked on all sides.

It was absolute nonsense, however, that several of Wilf Edgar's prize Herefords had been drowned in the creek that runs on the old ground, or that Harry Scott had been several times drenched in the black gold as the Jack Rabbit had put pontoons on his car to ford rivers of oil on his mail route. — The Province, Innisfail, Alberta, July 4, 1957.

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The original structures in Moscow's Kremlin were built by two Italians between 1485 and 1495.

Plans for sunflower hulling plant started

Plans are underway for a $62,000 sunflower hulling plant in the Red River valley the Echo learned this week. Tentative plans call for the construction of the plant in Altona, Plum Coulee or Morden.

A group headed by George Letkeman and son Bill, of Gnadenthal, are instrumental in planning construction of the proposed plant. They are associated with a group of British and American financiers.

George Letkeman told the Echo that the plant would need about four million pounds of sunflower seeds a year. The seeds would be shelled for export to Europe and the United States.

It is possible to cut shipping costs of the seeds by one-third if the hulling is done here, Mr. Letkeman said. This would increase the return to farmers one cent per pound.

Once shipped the seeds can be put to various uses, including bird seed, halvah, and toasting. An estimated 4,000 acres will be contracted yearly among Valley farmers to supply the sunflower seeds.

Mr. Letkeman said that his group would be interested in peas, soybeans and beans for soup factories at a later date.—The Echo, Red River Valley, Man.—July 10, 1957.

Town Council approves water softening plant

Souris town council at a lengthy meeting Monday night decided to go ahead with the construction of a water softening plant for town water and also finalized the street paving program for the year.

In the recent referendum conducted among water consumers, 226 were in favor of a softening plant and 97 were against. Aldermen voiced their satisfaction of the 70 percent vote of eligible voters. — The Plaindealer, Souris, Man., July 17, 1957.

HORNED TOAD FOUND NEAR VAL MARIE



The first known find of a real Lizard in Saskatchewan was made recently when a Horned Toad was found recently near Val Marie by Mrs. Ben Gillespie of Rosefield, Sask.

Now in the possession of the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, the specimen measures two and three-quarter inches in length is sandy brown in color and covered with tiny spikes or horns, from which it gets its name.

Actually harmless to humans, it has a "scaring procedure" which is performed when danger threatens. It will burrow into the sand, inflate its body to almost twice its normal size and squirt blood from its eyes.

The horned toad or horned lizard is a member of the reptile family. It lives mostly in hot sandy desert regions and is common in the Central States from Montana to Mexico. Six to ten young are born at a time, served-aged in a thin skin from which they break out. As soon as they are born they receive no further attention from the parent and are able to fend for themselves. Their usually number is many.

The museum is anxious to obtain more specimens of the horned lizard or toad and the public is urged to report any specimens immediately.

In 1668, yellow fever made its first recorded appearance in North America in seven epidemics in New York and Philadelphia.

17 Manitoba towns represented in Red Cross swim instructors school

Souris Docks were taken over this week by 32 aspirants to Red Cross instructor cret and Royal Life Saving Society awards

A growing crowd of spectators watched while Bruce McIntosh of the Royal Life Saving Society put the young people through a series of gruelling ordeals intended to condition them for the arduous task of life saving. W. A. Le Blanc, director of Red Cross water safety services, gives instruction, in the method of teaching swimming. Assisting Mr. McIntosh is Rev. C. I. Rothery who is also a qualified instructor for the R.L.S.S.

The young people come from 17 Manitoba towns and are all holders of senior Red Cross swimming awards. Many have already earned the bronze medallion from the Royal Life Saving Society, an award which entitles them to act as life-guards at resorts or swimming areas.

They have been brought to Souris to take part in an area instructors school which will fit them to give swimming instruction under the Red Cross water safety program. The school is sponsored by the Souris B.P.O. Elks Lodge and Souris Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

This is the second such school to be held in Manitoba, the first taking place in Russell, two years ago. Instructor courses are also held in Winnipeg during the winter. During May, airmen from all over Western Canada were transported to Winnipeg where they received Red Cross instructor training at the request of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

In all, the program will have turned out some 60 new instructors this year, but it is not expected that this will be nearly enough to meet the growing demand for swimming instruction in Manitoba.

Although the course will keep the young people busy morning, noon and night during the week of their stay in Souris, a break will be offered at the end of the week when they will be guests of the Souris Branch of the Canadian Legion at a bon-fire and weiner roast.

Attending the course are: Bill Wilkins of Killarney; Robert J. Johannesson, Lavgrub; Margaret Dunn, Marilyn Gail Munson and Garry Munson, Newdale; Wayne Hammond, Fleming; Lawrence Clist, Barrie Diehl, Walter Lee, Frank Sanderson and Orval Stocks, Souris; Margaret Munson, Strathclair; Roberta McIntosh, Norwood; Maynard Whitlaw Desjardine; Jimmie McPhail and Arlene Mathers, Belmont; Warren Thompson, Binscarth; Gail McCall, Barbara Mitchell and April More, Birtle; Betty Anne Aitkens, Dale Marriott and Judy Newton, Boissevain; Mrs. Phyllis Rogers, Brandon; Patricia Argue of Mather; Barrie Kinley, Gale Marsch, Rev. David Muldrew and Carol Anne Waldie, Carberry; Deanna Jolathead, Fat McBride and Sally McKee, Dauphin; and Bob McGillivray, Killarney. — The Plaindealer, Souris, Manitoba, July 10, 1957.

East to West goodwill crop tour

Travelling from East to West aboard the CNR's Super Continental, 110 people are on this year's Ontario Goodwill Crop Tour to the Pacific Coast.

Made up principally of progressive farmers and rural schoolteachers, the party will visit the fruit-laden Okanagan Valley to see ranches, orchards and packing plants; then on to Calgary, the Fraser Valley and Vancouver. Many of those on the three-week tour have been on four previous Crop Tours.



Premier Douglas praises CGRA's accomplishments

Saskatchewan will be playing host in September to the biggest and most important gathering of road men ever to be held in the province. Planning, which began many months ago, gives assurance that Canada's annual "Parliament of Roads" would be a memorable meeting.

Now, from his office in Regina, Premier T. C. Douglas has sent the following cordial invitation to some 1,000 of CGRA's members and friends:

"Your association last met in this province some years before the Second World War. Since then we have seen a tremendous increase in the use of highways, and the Canadian Good Roads Association has made an important and valuable contribution to the cause of better and safer roads in numerous ways, particularly through public education and the improvement of technical practices. The exchange of information among those who administer, build and use the roads has been one of your most important functions.

"The Government of the Province of Saskatchewan has been pleased to support the work of the Canadian Good Roads Association. Our Minister of Highways and officials of his department have taken an active part in CGRA affairs because we believe that your association is making a fine contribution to the nation as a whole.

"Come to Saskatchewan in September and enjoy our prairie hospitality.

The CGRA convention will be held at the Bessborough Hotel here from September 23 to 27.

Civil Service strike off

The threatened strike of British Columbia civil servants was called off last night following a meeting between the cabinet an officers of the worker's organization.

The controversy was settled with a 7½-percent increase promised by the government and the setting up of a board of reference to consider the whole issue of bargaining. Chief Justice Gordon McG. Sloan will head this board.

Previously the civil servants had asked for a 18-percent increase while the government had offered six. The Review, Revelstoke, Review B.C., July 11, 1957.

Funny and Otherwise

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Hurrying out of her stepdad's marble bath one day to answer the doorbell, an actress with a reputation for startling performances, stopped only to drape her pet monkey over her shoulder.

The messenger boy waiting with a telegram, Reader's Digest reports, proved equal to the occasion. With the stage presence of a veteran and without the quiver of an eyebrow, he handed the yellow envelope to the monkey.

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A guest conductor was driven crazy at rehearsals because at least one member of the orchestra was always missing. After the last rehearsal, he lapped for attention and said, "I want to thank the first violinist publicly for being the only man in the entire orchestra who had the decency to attend every rehearsal." The first violinist hung his head. "It seemed the least I could do," he said in a depreciating tone. "You see, I don't expect to show up for the concert tonight."

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Two golfers, strangers to each other, met while playing on the golf links.

"See the girl over there wearing slacks?" said one. "Imagine her parents allowing her to appear in clothes like that. Just copying Mary clothes!

"That, sir, is my daughter," said the second golfer.

"Oh, pardon me, I'm sorry. I didn't know you were her father."

"I'm not. I'm her mother."

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Father was deep in his easy chair, relaxing after a hard day at the office. Junior, aged 6, was bedevilling him with an endless succession of unanswerable questions.

"Daddy, whatta ya do down at the office?" he finally asked.

"Nothing!" shouted Daddy.

Junior pondered this extraordinary statement for a moment, then: "How d' ya know when you're through?"

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Sign on an Alberta farm fence: "Hunters! Don't shoot anything that does not move. It may be my hired man."

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Two thugs jumped one helpless man and after much fighting managed to get his wallet which contained only 60 cents. "Do you mean that you put up such a struggle for only 60 cents?" asked one thug. "No, sir," said the victim, "I thought you were after the $1,000 in my shoe."

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The clothes that make the women are the clothes that break the men.



IT'S SHINE UP TIME—and ready for inspection, are these three Minadoan detachment dragoons attending the summer camp training at Camp Shilo. The three, Cpl. J. T. Clark, Tpr. G. W. Todd and Tpr. G. A. Johnston, are living under canvas with the armoured group at the camp. Tents or barracks, everything has to be in top shape for the inspection officer. —Canadian Army photo.



TRANSPORTATION—Three Dragoon troopers from Birtle take a good look at their transportation for the current week. They are looking at the tread of a Sherman tank, the main armoured vehicle used by the regiment. The three, W. Fulton, D. Brennon and G. Brereton, will see a lot of these tanks during their summer camp training at Camp Shilo. —Canadian Army photo.



GREAT AUK—Shown above is a model of the now extinct Great Auk, whose extermination was caused by Man. Some of the specimens were recently forwarded to the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History by E. H. Pimlott, of the Newfoundland Wildlife Service. Today all that remains of the bird are a few skins, eggs, skeletons and numerous bones.

Bones of Great Auk at Museum

Bones of the Great Auk, a bird extinct since the early 1800's have been forwarded to the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History by E. H. Pimlott, of the Newfoundland Wildlife Service.

The bones were found on Funk Island off the coast of Newfoundland, a place frequented by the birds during their lifetime.

According to Richard Fyfe, museum executive officer, man was entirely responsible for their extermination. The birds were black and white, flightless and resembled the penguin in appearance and in their awkward shuffle. They differed from the penguin in that they had razor bills and stubby wings instead of flippers. Their natural habitat was on rocky islands such as Funk Island which lay close to the water routes of early sailors.

"Man visited the islands frequently and clubbed to death thousands of birds for their feathers. Because the islands were barren of vegetation, he used the fat of the dead birds to make fires in order to boil the feathers from others to make down for mattresses and pillows," Mr. Fyfe said.

It was through this mass slaughter that the bird became extinct. Today all that remains to show that this bird once existed are a few skins, eggs and skeletons and numerous bones.

"The tragic story of the Great Auk and the Curlew should serve as a lesson to Man and teach him to attempt to preserve other species such as the Whooping Crane which are very near extinction," Mr. Fyfe said.

Saskatchewan's first aeronautical guide and map printed

Hon. Russ Brown, Minister of Travel and Information, announced the publication of Saskatchewan's first Aeronautical Guide and Map, by his Department.

"The Guide is based on the provincial highway map," said Mr. Brown, "and members of our Department have gathered a large amount of aviation information which is superimposed on the highway map. We received a great deal of help from the Saskatchewan Government Air Ambulance, the Saskatchewan Flying Farmers, Flying Clubs in Saskatchewan and the Department of Transport in the final stages of the production. Contact was made with over 175 aviators to check the condition of their airstrips and we received a wonderful response from them."

The map is in two colors with the basic highway information in grey and the aeronautical information overprinted in red.

It shows, on one side, 143 airstrips and airports, location of broadcasting stations and microwave towers, aeronautical routes and radio beams and magnetic variations. The reverse side carries a complete list of flying facilities in alphabetical order giving the location, height above sea level, owner or operator with the operator's phone number, the distance from the nearest town, the length of the longest runway, the direction of the runways and a complete list of the facilities available at that point for aircraft, pilot and passengers. Included also is information about the advisability of aircraft to land at the side and where they can be cleared by customs, ground to air distress signals, details of 13 northern fishing areas and the camps located at each point, a small map of the northern part of the province with Saskatchewan Government airways schedule routes and eight pictures of airports in the province.

The front cover shows the Regina Flying Club's new Cessna 172 flying over Regina and the back cover depicts a northern lake scene bounded by the outline of a new jet plane.

"Saskatchewan is the first province in the Dominion to put out a map in this detail although a number of the United States issue this type through their aeronautical Commissions," said Mr. Brown.

LOCAL MERCHANT WINS HIGH AWARD

James Fulton, proprietor of Fulton's Super Market has won for the second successive year, the Red and White Award of Merit.

The award is a signal honor for Mr. Fulton and reflects the high regard that his store enjoys among the officials of the Red and White organization. Cleanliness, brightness, display, completeness of assortment, the fact that the store is a "one-stop shopping centre", courtesy, checking, cashiering, management and service are among those considerations which dominate the award. These features, together with such modern conveniences to the shopper as self-service throughout, a refrigerated fruit counter, a frozen food cabinet and an up-to-date meat display places the Fulton Super Market in the category of a Class A Red and White store.

Not a little credit for such a fine degree of efficiency goes to the general manager of the store, Mr. Leo Croteau. There appears to be a warm spirit of co-operation between him and his staff, and between the entire organization and the customers who make the business possible.

In the words of a Red and White advisor, Mr. Fulton has achieved in his Wetaskiwin store an operation very like a large chain-type store while maintaining its privately - owned, independent character." — The Times, Wetaskiwin, Alta.—July 10, 1957.

Air conditioning at sea

Before starting her annual service of Sunshine Cruises to the West Indies and South America next winter the 35,000-ton liner Mauretania will be completely air-conditioned, the Cunard Line announced.

In addition to full air-conditioning of the public rooms, all staterooms in the Mauretania will be equipped with controls to enable passengers to adjust atmospheric conditions to their individual requirements in the Mauretania and the Carmania, unlike that in many other ships. She will allow passengers the choice of opening the staterooms portholes.

Cunard said also that the Mauretania will make four Sunshine Cruises during February, March and April, 1958, ranging in length from 12 to 15 days. Cunard Director Victor Ogley will offer Mauretania's West Indies passengers the informal house-party type of entertainment for which he is renowned.

The program will start February 15 with an 15-day voyage to 10 Caribbean ports. Minimum rate is $535. Then will follow two 12-day voyages, March 5 and March 22, with minimum rates of $425 and $500 respectively. On April 5, the Mauretania will complete her cruise season with a 15-day voyage to five ports, with accommodation priced as low as $315.

16-Year-old girl to swim Clear Lake

Miss Roberta "Bobbie" McIntosh, 16-year-old swimmer of Norwood Grove, who is receiving the Red Cross instruction here this week, will attempt to conquer Clear Lake this weekend.

Her father and trainer, Bruce McIntosh, said yesterday his daughter would take to the icy water of Clear Lake at Wasagaming either Sunday or Monday depending on the weather. Miss McIntosh hopes to swim at least 15 miles.

The starting and finishing point in the long distance swim is not final, since this also depends on the weather and direction of the wind.

Two years ago her sister, Kathie, who became famous for swimming Lake Winnipeg, swam Clear Lake, a distance of 8 miles. — The Plaindealer, Souris, Man., July 10, 1957.

Considerate teacher, to the pupil: It gives me great pleasure to put 90 on your report card; you have done well.

Inconsiderate pupil, to teach: "That's cool; why not put 100 on it and get a real thrill.

A speleologist is a scientist who engages in the study of caverns.

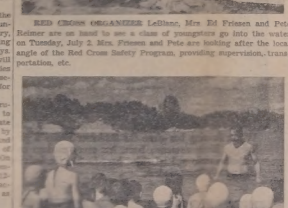
(The News, Carillon, Man.)



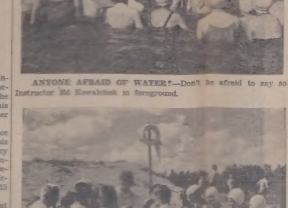
SWIMMING CLASSES ARE FUN!—Shown here are some of the 300 Steinbach youngsters who are taking the Red Cross-sponsored water safety and swimming classes, chief instructor Ed Kowalchuk giving his eager pupils some preliminary instructions before going into the water.



RED CROSS ORGANIZER LeBlanc, Mrs Ed Friesen and Pete Reimer are on hand to see a class of youngsters go into the water on Tuesday, July 2. Mrs. Friesen and Pete are looking after the local angle of the Red Cross Safety Program, providing supervision, transportation, etc.



ANYONE AFRAID OF WATER?—Don't be afraid to say so! Instructor Ed Kowalchuk is foreground.



"NOW ALL YOU HAVE TO DO . . ." Instructor Brenda McIntyre explaining how it's done before her class goes into the water.

Council mediates interest in gas

The Winkler Town Council last Friday night passed a resolution, indicating that the Council is definitely interested in entering an agreement with a natural gas distribution company.

The resolution came on the heels of an earlier request by Pembina Valley Utilities to the town to sign an agreement which contained a flat structure and a monopoly clause of a sort. The council did not find this preliminary agreement acceptable. — The Progress, Winkler, Man.

HAIL STORM STRIKES SOUTHERN MANITOBA

Hail and winds swept down through a portion of south-central Manitoba last Saturday, ravishing crops and farm buildings south of highway No. 3 from Darlingford to Hecla, just across the North Dakota border. Two hail storms actually struck in some areas causing 100 percent damage to crops that have headed out. Winds of cyclonic force that swept through an area in the Pembina River Valley lifted buildings and caused further damage to crops.

Many farmers caught without insurance are looking hopefully today to their late crops in hopes that something might be salvaged. The hail struck heavily in a belt about 5 miles wide with lighter damage being reported in a swath about 12 miles wide in places. The damage area is over 20 miles in length.

Some farmers are making immediate preparations to plow down crops that received total damage, while some of the luckier ones are waiting only for a visit from the insurance adjuster before doing likewise. Most of those who did insure, have done so for about $10.00 per acre — just enough to pay expenses in most cases.

One unfortunate farmer, Jake Hoogsteer, who farms about 6½ miles southeast of Morden, bought his insurance just Saturday morning. He will receive no benefit from his action because of the regulation requiring that applications be mailed 24 hours before they become effective. — The Times, Morden, Man., July 10, 1957.

Additional magistrates to be appointed

Saskatchewan's Attorney General Hon. R. A. Walker has announced an increase in the number of full-time magistrates paid by the province. Three new magistrates will be added this fall," he said: "One new magistrate will be added on August 1, and two additional magistrates will be appointed on October 1. This will increase the number of full-time magistrates to twelve."

The change will provide one additional magistrate in Swift Current, Regina and Saskatoon RCMP Subdivisions. The place of residence of magistrates in each Subdivision has not yet been decided.

"In addition to this increase in the number of magistrates," Mr. Walker said, "the government has already undertaken to assume the responsibility of paying the salaries of magistrates presently provided by the cities, commencing April 1, 1958, providing suitable arrangements can be made with the cities to provide the court facilities."

The cities of Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw are now providing their own magistrates, either on a full-time or part-time basis.

Police crack-down

City Police are going to start cracking down on offenders of two City bylaws, Chief Hart said.

The first concerns the dumping of waste material at the new nuisance ground. Officials have become worried over the fact that garbage is not properly disposed of after dumping, and it is often blown across the grounds and roads have become littered with refuse from vehicles not having adequate covering, and sanitation officers feel that this could become a very serious problem.

Fines for this offence range from $1 to $100 depending on the seriousness and frequencies of the offence, the Chief said.

The other bylaw concerned the "no left turn" signs attached to traffic lights on Central Ave. These signs are being ignored, he said, and motorists will be liable to fines from $1 to $100 if found guilty of this offence.—The Sun, Swift Current, Sask., July 17, 1957.

Agoraphobia is the fear of being in an open place, such as a street.



Illegal to sell some used heating units

Householders are reminded they cannot legally sell oil-fired heating units unless the unit bears a stamp of approval of a recognized laboratory.

In making the announcement, Fire Commissioner Ross Switzer said the approval label may be found on the outside casing of the unit. The furnace must bear the approval label of either the Canadian Standards Association or the Underwriters Laboratories before it can be re-sold.

An oil-fired unit is a complete furnace assembly, which includes the oil burner, the large circulating fan, combustion chamber, radiator and controls.

Mr. Switzer points out that according to section 24 of the Fire Prevention Act no person shall sell or offer for sale any oil fired unit unless approved by a recognized testing laboratory.

"This regulation has been strictly enforced since January 1, 1957," he said.

"Prior to January 1, it was unlawful to install an oil fired unit if the oil burner part of the furnace bore the approval label."

The above regulation does not affect the sale of furnaces which were originally designed to burn solid fuels and later converted to oil burning furnaces. Solid fuel burning furnaces are constructed of heavier gauge metal and the possibility of them burning out is substantially reduced.

Those having furnaces in good condition and wishing to convert to gas are free so by substituting a gas burner for their oil burner. In the majority of cases the oil burner will bear an approval label and may be sold as a second hand burner. However, if the burner does not bear an approval label it cannot legally be sold.

Section 24 of the Fire Prevention Act was enacted because of numerous complaints received from house owners who had purchased oil-fired units which burned out during the first season of operation. More than 200 had to be replaced in 1956 separate hearing developments in Regina and Moose Jaw.

ANOTHER WINNER

Mrs. Got. Honey added her name to the list of local major bingo winners when she picked up $500.00 cash at the Virden Scard games last Thursday night. Following the scheduled ten games she participated in an extra game for $100.000 cash and was lucky enough to tie for this amount with another lady player. They also shared a consolation prize of $50. — The Banner, Russell, Man., July 4, 1957.

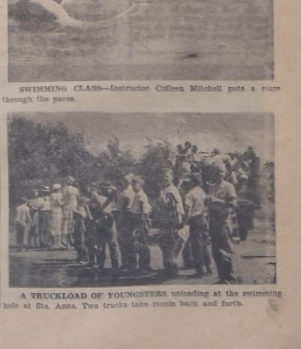
SWEET VIOLET

About 2,500 pounds of violets are needed to make one ounce of the essential oil for violet-scented perfume.

(The Carillon News, Steinbach, Man.—July 5, 1957)



SWIMMING CLASS—Instructor Colleen Mitchell puts a class through the paces.



A TRUCKLOAD OF YOUNGSTERS unloading at the swimming hole at Ste. Anne. Two trucks take pupils back and forth.

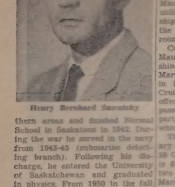
H. B. SAWATZKY PROMOTED

Henry Bernhard Sawatzky has been appointed administrator of the geophysical and evaluation division of the petroleum and natural gas branch, Department of Mineral Resources, it was announced by Hon. J. H. Brockelbank, the department's minister.

Mr. Sawatzky spent his early years in the Herschel and Rosthern areas and finished Normal School in Saskatoon in 1942. During the war he served in the navy from 1942-45 (submarine chasing branch). Following his discharge, he entered the University of Saskatchewan and graduated in physics. From 1950 to the fall of 1954 he worked on seismic surveys in Saskatchewan with Petty Geophysical Engineering Company and then joined the geology division of the department of Mineral Resources. He now holds the position of principal geophysicists in that department.

Mr. Sawatzky is a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and the Saskatchewan Geological Society.

He is married and has three children.

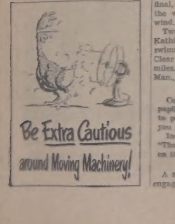


Henry Bernhard Sawatzky

Need for leadership plagues Scouting in Prairie Gold area

A crying need for leadership personnel in all branches of the work seemed to be the theme of the Boy Scouts Jubilee District meeting held last week at Alsask. —The Chariton, Kindersley, Sask., July 4, 1957.

SAFETY MAKES SENSE



Canadian Weekly Features

Canadian statistics report

(A Weekly Review)

Foreign Trade: Canada's domestic exports were 3 percent higher in value in the first five months this year than last. Among major commodities the larger gains were in aluminum and products, nickel, crude petroleum, uranium ores and concentrates, zinc and products, grains other than wheat, and seeds, while largest decreases were in wheat and copper and products. Shipments were down in value to the United Kingdom and in total to the rest of the Commonwealth, but higher to all other main geographic areas.

Prices: Eight of the 10 regional city indexes rose during May, one was unchanged and one declined. The increases ranged from 0.1 percent to 0.5 percent, while the single decrease was 0.4 percent . . . The general index of wholesale prices was unchanged from May to June, four of nine component indexes rising, four declining and one unchanged.

Transportation: Railway carloadings in the first six months this year were nearly 8 percent fewer than last year at 1,936,724 cars, and receipts from connections down 5.5 percent at 845,040 cars. Major commodities with largest decreases in the half-year were grain, coal, nonferrous ores and concentrates, lumber, timber and plywood, and l.c.l. merchandise . . . Freight traffic through Canadian canals in May was 1.5 percent heavier than last year at 4,925,760 tons. Wheat, oats, bituminous coal, iron ore and "other" freight were among the major commodities responsible for the overall rise.

Consumer Credit: Balances outstanding on the books of sales finance companies for consumer goods at the end of May stood at an estimated $781,800,000, over 17 percent larger than a year earlier; amount of loans on the books of small loan companies and licensed money lenders totalled $352,1000,000, up 11 percent; and instalment accounts receivable by department stores were over 7 percent higher at $152,200,000.

Telephones: The number of telephones operated by Canada's 15 largest telephone systems rose 9 percent last year to 4,432,482. The rise in the estimated number of conversations was a larger 13 percent to 7,441,864,000, making an average of 1,816 calls per telephone.

Car Registrations: Motor vehicle registrations in Canada last year reached 4,230,647, a jump of 7 percent over 1955 that brought the number of motor vehicles to more than one to every four persons. Passenger car registrations rose 4.8 percent, making an average of one passenger car to every five persons.

FIRST CANAL ATTEMPT

The first attempt to build a canal in Panama was by a French canal builder, Ferdinand de Lesseps, between 1879 and 1888. It failed.

Western Canadian wheat farmer

Ed Schiefner, whose grandparents emigrated from Germany to the Western United States in 1860, and whose parents moved to Saskatchewan in 1906, operates a successful wheat farm near the city of Regina, with 1440 acres under cultivation and another one-and-a-half sections (960 acres) in pastureland.

Mr. Schiefner is one of many Western Canadian farmers who battle the elements each year to turn out the golden harvest that has made Canada world famous. Although diversification has never had much apeal to farmers on land so eminently adapted to growing grain, Mr. Schiefner has a second string to his bow, raising beef cattle on his pastureland, putting up hay for the winter and selling off steers as they mature or old cows when the price is attractive.

Machines play a major role on prairie farms today. As a result of mighty machines that gobble up work, farms are fewer, but larger, for the work is done more quickly. Moreover the machinery is costly, so farms must be bigger to form economic units.

Wheat farming begins with the soil. As soon as the land is dry enough for the heavy machinery to get on it, the soil is prepared and seeded. When the grain is several inches high, many farmers go over the crop with sprayers apply chemicals to kill the weeds. Some farmers have their crops sprayed from the air for weed control, and later in the season for insect control. When the second crop of weeds springs up the grain is tall enough to overshadow it, and keep the weeds from maturing.

During the summer, the farmer can do nothing but hope for the right mixture of sun and rain until the crop is ready for harvest in late August or early September.

Wheat-harvesting itself has changed. "Straight combining"—cutting and threshing in a single operation—is rarely practised. Today, most wheat is cut and left lying in swathes to ripen on the ground, where it is less affected by rain, hail, snow or wind which might batter it flat.

The cut grain ripens on the ground in much less time than it would while standing. In four or five days of sunshine, the moisture content drops below fourteen per-cent, and the grain is suitable for threshing.

The combine moves along the swathes and gathers up the cut grain. Inside the combine, the grain is threshed out into a container, the straw thrown out behind. A truck picks up the grain when the receptacle is full. Better still, the two may accompany the combine around the field, being filled directly as the grain leaves the machine.

Western farming has richly rewarded those who stayed with it. Many of the most prosperous of prairie farmers are the children or grandchildren of immigrants fro Europe.

The Schiefners live well and have most of the conveniences enjoyed by families living in urban communities. Mrs. Schiefner enjoys her electric refrigerator, stove, radio, telephone and television set. In his workshop, Ed Schiefner has power tools for carpentry and repairs to machinery, such as cutting and welding torches. There, Schiefner has his own 30-foot boat, for use at his summer home on Long Lake, 60 miles north. There's time in his life for occasional sport fishing. In fall, when the ducks wing in over his grainfield, he enjoys a duck shoot with city visitors.

The Schiefners watched their children through the little local school: Fay the eldest, the twins Douglas and Donald, and finally young Dick. They went on to high school in Milestone, the nearest village, six miles away. Fay completed her schooling with a commercial course in Regina, and is now a stenographer there. Doug and Don went to Luther College in Regina for their finishing years up to Grade 12. Richard, 13, is in Grade 9, in the Milestone High school.

Now that the older boys have finished their schooling, Donald hopes to enter the Civil Service. Douglas helps his father to operate the farm.

Freak fire destroys welding machine

A freak fire last Thursday evening damaged an electric arc-welder to the extent of about $200. The fire occurred near the corner of 15th St. and No. 5 Highway about 7:20 p.m.

When Mr. Kopperud again began cutting, sparks from the cutting torch ignited gasoline which had spilled from the nearly-filled tank on the arc-welder and the entire machine immediately exploded in flames.

Bystanders crowding in at the scene faced considerable danger had the gasoline tank exploded spreading flaming gasoline. Fire Chief Ron Cameron pointed out that this type of explosion is not uncommon with resulting fatalities. Only the fast that firemen were able to cool the tank quickly prevented such an occurrance.— The Journal, Humboldt, Sask.

Paddling pool big attraction

The Humboldt Lions Club Kiddies Paddling Pool was officially opened for the season last Sunday afternoon and 80 youngsters immediately registered and jumped into the cooling pool. Lions President Ben Ackerman and Len. Kommes did the official honors with the former welcoming the youngsters and their parents. He asked for co-operation of all to make the pool and playground facilities enjoyable for everyone. — The Journal, Humboldt, Sask.

Parking meters approved for main business section

Parking meters will make their appearance in six blocks of Wetaskiwin's business section early in September and will begin to devour motorist pennies and nickels not later than September 15. —The Times, Wetaskiwin, Alta.— July 10, 1957.

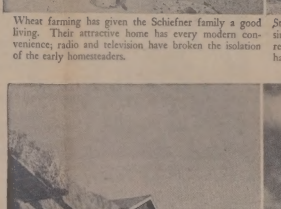
Revolution on the Prairies



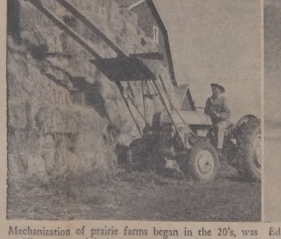
New methods of harvesting grain have wrought a revolution on Canada's wheat farms. Fields dotted with golden stooks of wheat ripening in the sun—once the picturesque trademark of the prairies—are rarely seen. Today most farmers harvest their grain like Saskatchewan's Ed Schiefner above. The wheat is cut and left lying in "swathes" to ripen on the ground where it is less affected by wind, rain and hail which can destroy a crop overnight. "Swathed" wheat ripens in about half the time it would require while standing.



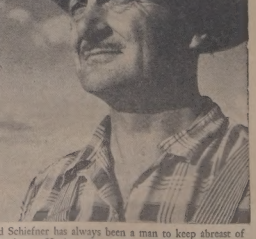
Wheat farming has given the Schiefner family a good living. Their attractive home has every modern convenience; radio and television have broken the isolation of the early homesteaders.



Straight combining—cutting and threshing the grain in a single operation—is disappearing. Farmers prefer to reduce weather hazards by "swathing" their fields first, harvesting later when grain has ripened.



Mechanization of prairie farms began in the 20's, was rapidly accelerated during war years when farmers turned to machinery in lieu of man-power. Schiefner works his 1,440 acre farm with the help of one son.



Ed Schiefner has always been a man to keep abreast of the times. He brought the first combine into his area in 1926, has kept pace with the continuing search for more efficient methods of wheat farming.

The grain is trucked to country elevators, later is hauled by box car to the lakehead elevators which have a storage capacity in excess of 90 million bushels. Three of the many elevators at Port Arthur, Ontario, are shown

Improved varieties and modern harvesting methods combine to keep Canada on top as the world's leading producer of high quality wheat.

National Film Board of Canada Photos by Richard Harrington.



20,000 FEET

South America has 47 mountain peaks of altitudes greater than 20,000 feet. North America has one—Mount McKinley in Alaska.

TWO LANGUAGES

Norway has two languages: the riksmaal or official state language, and the landsmaal, the speech of the rural population.

IF UPSET OR SWAMPED
+HANG ON+
DON'T LEAVE BOAT
DISTRIBUTED IN THE INTEREST OF WATER SAFETY
BY CANADIAN RED CROSS

Erntold youngster dies in attempt to rescue kitten

The eight-year-old son of Fred Leidle, district farmer, met his life while trying to save his kitten. They were backing a truck loaded with lumber up to the barn door to unload, the back wheels had to be lowered into ruts for unloading. The kitten had hidhidden in one of these ruts and the boy moved near to get it and was caught between the end of the truck and the door-jamb.

The sincere sympathy of the entire community is extended to brother. Interment was made in Flowing Wells cemetery.—The Sun, South Current, Sask., July 17, 1937.

Editorials from Canadian Weekly Newspapers

(These are not necessarily the views of the editor of this paper)

(The Carillon News, Steinbach, Man.—July 5, 1937)



LIGHTNING CRASHED into a 50-foot cottonwood standing only a few feet away from the P. R. Funk home, Grunthal, on Friday, June 12, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Of the family, only son Frank was home, and he says the crash was terrific. Splinters flew up to 200 feet away from the tree.

(The Carillon News, Steinbach, Man.—July 5, 1937)



DISASTER RELIEF AT WORK IN FARGO.—When a devastating tornado levelled thousands of buildings at Fargo, N.D., recently, Southeasterners were in the van of Mennonite Disaster Relief men who came to the aid of their southern neighbors. Here some of the volunteers stand ready to go to work cleaning up the debris and helping rebuild Fargo as a demonstration of Christianity with its sleeves rolled up. In the upper photo are Jacob D. Klassen, Grunthal; Levi Schellenberg, Jake Kliewer, both Kleefeld; Frank Doerksen, Grunthal, and John Martens, Spencer. In the lower photo Kleinchaden will recognize some of the following townsmen: Abe Banman, LaVern Loewen, Dick Hildebrand, George Kempel, Pete Peters and John Enns.



Dakota farmer rates Canada Goose smartest of the game birds

(The Record, Rimbey, Man.)

Mr. J. H. "Jake" Hoffman, a farmer living a mile south of Fairfax, South Dakota, is putting in his 33rd year of hunting the wily Canadian honker. He credits the Canadian Goose as "the smartest of the game birds."

Mr. Hoffman recalls that in his early years of hunting, back in 1922 or 1923, the problem of bagging a goose or two wasn't quite as difficult as it is today. He believes that there are just as many geese now as there were 30-odd years ago, but the ratio of hunters to birds has narrowed greatly.

"I believe that there are presently fifty hunters for every gunner that came when I first started hunting them. Consequently, it is a lot harder to find a spot to hunt."

Hunting Methods Change

Methods of hunting have changed, too, since the earlier days. In 1924 or 1925 Hoffman bought a pair of Canadian geese from a party in North Carolina and started raising birds as a hobby and also for the purpose of using them as decoys. Several live decoys would be taken along with the hunters and staked out in the field with the use of a harness. Gunners would then get down in their pit, usually two to a pit, and play pitch or enjoy a gab session.

Usually, if a flock of geese showed up, the live decoys would start calling and bring the wild cousins in. It didn't always work though, and Hoffman bought a goose call. In case the decoys refused to emote for some exasperating reason, he would send out an imitation on the commercial call. That practice came in handy when live decoys were finally legislated out of the picture. Now it is all commercial calls and profiles.

The First Goose

There are several hunting incidents that stand out in Mr. Hoffman's experience. The first goose that he shot, for instance, was a matter for family council, it was only crippled and was brought home alive. The question was, whether to keep it or eat it. No one in the family had ever tasted roast wild goose, so after convincing themselves that even though it looked healthy enough after several hours of captivity it would probably expire later on, it was decided to end any possibility of a lingering death. It became the first of many wild honkers to grace the Hoffman table. There was quite some doubt about the wiseness of the decision, however, when it was found that the honker was considerably beyond the tender and youthful stage of life, and was downright tough when it came to carving time.

One hears the saying "Silly Goose," but there is nothing silly about wild Canadian geese, says hunter Hoffman. He recalls one particular instance of their wariness and sagacity. A flock of honkers had been located feeding in a stubble field. A pit was dug and well camouflaged, decoys were staked out, and the hunting party was all set.

The flock came out, circled the field, and decided that something was amiss. They lit in a neighboring field. After the geese had finished feeding and had gone back to the Missouri River, the hunters moved to the second field, dug and camouflaged another pit and figured that all there was left to do was to shoot the honkers when they returned to the field.

The flock came out, circled the second field a few times, and finally landed—on the first field. The hapless hunters tried for a week to outsmart the honkers, but the birds always lit on the unoccupied field, fed, and returned to the safety of the river.

Finally, someone had a brain-storm. A sack was stuffed with hay and placed in the open in one field, and the hunters occupied the other. Out came the geese, saw the sack, and flushed right over the gunners.

"They are plenty smart," says Hoffman. "For instance, you'll never catch all the birds of a flock feeding at the same time. I've watched them for many years and have noticed that when one drops his head to eat, another, as if by signal, will stop eating and stand on guard with head high."

Hunting Tips

The Fairfax hunter thinks one of the most important things to remember in hunting Canadian geese is to remain perfectly still when they are in the air, and not to look up unless you are ready to shoot. Another thing he always does is to step off shooting ranges on both sides and to the front and back of the pit. A thistle or some marker is used so one will know exactly when the birds are within range.

"To me, the greatest thrill is not in killing the geese but in being able to "talk" them into coming into a set. There's just no thrill to compare to being able to swing a flock over your decoys. You don't describe it, it is just something you have to experience for yourself," says Jake.

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Opportunity knocks

(The Red River Valley Echo, Altona, Man.)

An editorial writer in one of the Winnipeg dailies commends the director of public welfare there for the refreshing approach to his work; namely, to give able-bodied men on relief every opportunity for gainful employment.

This sounds like very sound reasoning to us and might well be considered by councils of valley towns and villages.

Although relief is not the problem that it was some 25 years ago, there are always a certain number of cases on every town's list. In some cases it is not a matter of outright assistance in the form of relief, but takes some other form such as delinquent hospital bills that the town has to pay.

In the case of Winnipeg, physically fit recipients of relife are referred directly to the street cleaning department. This has resulted in 100 more street cleaners than would have otherwise been the case.

Besides the jobs as street cleaners, quite a few able-bodied relief clients found other jobs as an alternative to the street cleaning job.

In some instances towns and villages of the valley have applied this same principle to their own relief lists. Others who have not tried it, might find this a useful way of getting labor and reducing the relief list at the same time.

Perils of parenthood

(The Times, High River, Man.)

A little news item lurking in a corner of a recent daily records that a father of a family down in Ontario, slipped on a marble and sustained serious injuries. This is really not news because all over this continent fathers of families are at present skidding on marbles and sustaining serious injuries.

This little item merely lifts the veil which hangs over the commonplace events of domestic life, and shows the hazardous path which parents tread as a matter of routine. One often wonders how parents rate with accident insurance companies, because their lives are beset by hourly pitfalls.

Marbles figure largely in the spring of the year and it is safe to say that in the economic scheme of things no marble is ever wholly lost. Bobbie may think so for the moment, but not so. A missing marble always gets found, usually in the dark, and all too often on the stairs, thus contributing to the toll of serious injuries.

Gopher traps are being set out in the yard at this time of year just to see if they've retained their old time vigor. They always have. An outraged voice rises to testify that the gopher trap works. Fishing hooks in unexpected places account for their own list of casualties, and snaring wire is another popular menace.

Hammers are dropped from roof or tree and anxious faces peer down, and anxious voices cry "I'm sorry. Did it hurt much"? Father ambles around the corner of the house, his soul attuned to the melody of spring and gets a swift bali in the eye—the contribution of the family southpaw.

Mother's company teapot is a secret cache for gopher tails or makpie eggs, or BB shot or lucky pebbles. Mother learns that her most sacred receptacles may be used to harbor revolting treasures.

What parent has not experienced that slithery feeling in the pit of the stomach when a baseball bat begins to slide crazily from underfoot? Serious injuries indeed — from above, from below, on every side, especially in spring.

And that takes no account of actual losses, the missing spools of heavy thread which are invoiuntary gifts to the kite flying trade; the good spoons that are borrowed to make up spoils of the pirate's chest; the knives that are filed down to fit into boot or belt in readiness for the quick draw; the tools that disappear from the carpenters box; the nails that vanish; the precious lumber that suddenly becomes a refu windows that seem to crack themselves. Never a day but something which should have been in a certain spot has vanished. Never a day that some bland-eyed culprit isn't on the carpet for something.

All these losses, together with the endless hazards to life and limb, might be expected to wreck the whole institution of parenthood. But people do keep on begetting, and eventually they drift along to the relative sanctuary of grandparenthood. And the odd part of it all is that all these same parents, fresh from some very serious injury, will hover at night over the bodies of their awful offspring and declare in all sincerity "Thank goodness our children so far nave never given us a moment of worry or pain."

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Manitoba pageant

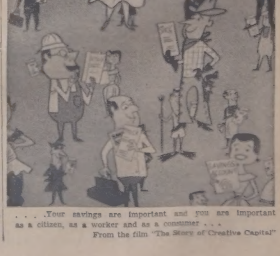
(The Plaindealer, Souris, Man.)

An appeal for historical background material for publication in their three-times-yearly booklet "Manitoba Pageant" has been issued by the sponsoring women's committee of the Manitoba Historical Society. The articles are intended specifically for Manitoba children although Manitoba adults are finding the historical sketches which have appeared to date of great interest.

The objects of Manitoba Pageant are to acquaint children with their Manitoba heritage and to foster Junior Historical Societies throughout the province. If six children band together to form a chapter, the Manitoba Pageant Committee will send them a charter and organizational help for the operation of their club. Stories of place names, buffalo hunts, early ethnic settlers biographies, Indian tales, and many more subjects have appeared in the little magazine since its first publication in April of last year.

Manitoba Pageant finds food for the minds of children, if someone in each locality will see that they get it. Articles to keep the publication healthy, interesting and well balanced are required from all over the the province. These could tell of first within the community, of interesting early pioneers, unusual situations that have become historical, legendary or otherwise substantiated by fact.

When adults subscribe their dollar to this interesting project they are acting as partons for the extension of Manitoba Pageant to school children. The Manitoba Pageant Committee of the Historical Society pleads for service clubs, community clubs and other communuity organizations to think of this instructive outlet for children's interest and energy in planning club projects. The society has its headquarters at Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg.



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From the film "The Story of Creative Capital"

Winkler has varied growth and success in 65 years

It has been said that the seeds which gave rise to the present Town of Winkler were planted when a lonely prairie schooner wandered off the beaten path, got stuck in a mud hole and it was decided to homestead there.

Though after weeks and weeks of rain, it is very easy to believe the truth of this old saw, history does not quite bear this out even though the present possibly would.

In 1882 the railroad came in. In 1892 the CPR acquired the station grounds and with the siding that was put in that year the cornerstone of the Town of Winkler was laid.

But much has happened since then when Valentine Winkler traded quarters with Isaac Wiens and gained possession of the location of the proposed town. Many new industries and commercial enterprises have sprouted since that first year, when Bernard Loewen built the first general store on the southwest corner of South Railway Avenue and Main Street.

Hundreds of new homes have been built and are still being built since that first year when John S. Dyck erected the first residential structure on what is now West Street.

Last year, June of 1956, Winkler commemorated the 50 years of its corporated existence and stopped momentarily to take stock of its past growth, its then present situation and look again to the future a part of which we have seen today. There were many things they could be proud of, quite a few things to feel sorry about, but many more to hope for. — The Progress, Winkler, Man.—June 26, 1957.



NEW APPOINTMENT — Air Force headquarters has announced the appointment of Group Captain R. S. Turnbull, DFC, AFC, DFM, CD, 39, of Govan, Sask., as Director of Air Defence Operations at Air Force Headquarters. He returns to Canada in July from the RCAF's No. 1 Air Division Headquarters, Metz, France.

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The greaseswood and cacti are the most hardy plants of the desert.

Yes! Rubber plant to come here

Proposed Polymer rubber plant in the municipal district of Lacombe southeast of town will definitely be constructed as planned.

This is the word received by The Lacombe Globe yesterday from Hon. A. R. Patrick, minister of economic affairs for the province of Alberta.

"I understand that all engineering plans are completed for the plant east of Blackfalds," Mr. Patrick told The Globe, "although there will not be much actual construction this year."

Mr. Patrick stated that high government officials had checked with the Polymer Corporation executives regarding the statement in a recent issue of The Financial Post that the Polymer corporation plant would be built in Ontario instead of in central Alberta. Polymer officials said the plant would be constructed in this area as originally planned.—The Globe, Lacombe, Alberta, July 11, 1957.

Former local teacher tosses in the sponge

A former teacher of Swift Current Collegiate 'announced in Kimberley, B.C., the other day that he is through with teaching — and glad of it.

G. Aubrey Bate, who taught in Swift Current seven or eight years ago and who spent only four years in this city said: "The kids of today are too much for me." He blames "their unwilling attitude toward learning" on poor home life, automobiles, television, too many organizations and too much spending money.

Mr. Bate has retired after 37 years of teaching. His subjects have been art, drama and English.

As Mr. Bate put it: "The tension of teaching through the attitude of students is terrific. I feel as if a tremendous load has been lifted."

However, he does not consider youth entirely at fault. "It's a part of today's social conditions," he said.—The Sun, Swift Current, Sask., July 17, 1957.

Anonymous donor offers artificial ice

An anonymous offer to renovate Acton's arena and install artificial ice was reported to Acton Council Tuesday by Mayor Tyler.

Conditions of the action to be "the cost could only be repaid out of arena revenue and the price of admission charges were not to be increased."

No debenture or loan could be arranged for repayment, it was explained.

An incredulous council voted in favor of the idea, and instructed the Mayor to continue negotiations and finalize arrangements.

It is understood the town would continue ownership of the arena following renovation of the building and installation of the plant.

No indication of the benefactor's identity was revealed but it was noted there were relatives in Acton.—Acton Free Press, Ont., July 4, 1957.

CAM KING TO GIVE RED CROSS SWIMMING LESSONS

Cam King leaves on Monday to conduct a series of swimming classes at various points throughout the province under the direction of the Saskatchewan Red Cross Society. Stops he will visit include Fillmore, Chamberlain, Liberty, Humboldt, Foam Lake with an itinerary lasting until the third week in August.—The Mercury, Estevan, Sask.—July 4/57.

Population: Nearly 58 percent of Canada's population lived in incorporated urban places on June 1 last year . . . Farm population dropped 5.7 percent from 1951 to 1956, while the average size of farms increased and mechanization and electrification grew.

Million dollar parade sparks fair days

Friday morning fair-goers saw more than one million dollar's worth of floats, equipment and vehicles roll down Estevan's main streets in a two-mile parade.

The 1957 edition of the Estevan Fair Parade was probably the most outstanding parade Estevan has ever produced. Over 100 floats and vehicles went to make up some 60 entries.

Entries were a cross section of Estevan's industry and growth, with every aspect of Estevan's boom represented.

Many cities claim they have the "biggest," most beautiful, longest loudest and "purest" parade in the country, but none can claim the more costly parade. Certainly not one with a population anywhere near Estevan's 8,000.

Just seven entries in the parade were valued at $550,000. The highest valued entry was Haliburton Oil Well Cementing Company, which had three large vehicles in the parade. The value of these cementing trucks is estimated at least $250,000. The Mercury, Estevan, Sask., July 11, 1957.

Transmission poles being moved from main thoroughfares

Whenever possible, transmission poles are being moved from the main streets to the lanes and provision is being made for joint use of these poles by both The Manitoba Power Commission and the Manitoba Telephone System.—The Roblin, Red River Valley—July 3, 1957.



IT'S NOT LIKE HOME—but it's a sure way of getting clean—and these three dragoons, from Neepawa and Gladstone, seem to be getting the knack of this outdoor washing. Left to right, they are, Tpr. A. C. Woloshin of Neepawa, Tpr. L. R. Sladek and Tpr. E. H. Hooper, both of Gladstone. The three are attending the week of summer camp training at Camp Shilo, and are living in tents with the armoured group.

—Canadian Army photo.

Big Ben, the large bell in the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament in London, Eng., was cast in 1856.

Wife: "O.K., smarty. I admit I like to spend money. But name just one other extravagance."

The fluer de lis was the heraldic device of French kings until the revolution of 1789, when it was superseded by the tricolor.



Pity this poor woman — perhaps a friend or neighbor of yours. She had the idea that if she got into the family car and drove many miles to THE BIG CITY, then she could do better with that shopping dollar than she could right here in our town.

When she finally reached home again, she was tired and unhappy ... *but a lot wiser.* After figuring the cost of gasoline and oil, wear and tear on the car, parking fees, restaurant meals and the repair bill for a badly dented fender, that shopping dollar had shrunk so much she had to squint to see it.

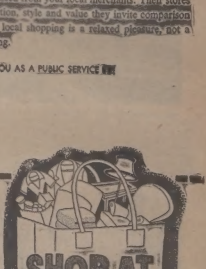
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Silver Heights Restaurant opens

Official opening ceremonies were appropriately carried out at the new Silver Heights Restaurant, recently enlarged and renovated and granted a license by the Liquor Control Board for beer and wine to be served with meals.

Deputy Mayor G. W. Johnson, together with members of the city council and heads of civic departments were entertained at dinner on the new restaurant premises on Tuesday evening, when Deputy Mayor Johnson congratulated the hosts, Stan Bachynski and Toby Labovich on the fine establishment they had opened, "a credit to St. James"

The new restaurant is located on the north side of Portage avenue, between Sturgeon boulevard and Angola.—The Leader, St. James, Man.

Work begun this week on new plant

Excavation for the foundations of the town's new water treatment plant began Thursday morning. Effery Giefer's earth-moving equipment was doing the job under the watchful eyes of the engineer John Knox, and resident engineer Frank Gerbrandt of the firm of Underwood and McLellan —The Clarion, Kindersley, Sask., July 11, 1957.

Milt Baker tells Kiwanian: about artificial ice

Plans by the Torkton Curling Club for the installation of artificial ice were revealed by Milt Baker when he addressed the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Torkton on Thursday evening last at the Yorgina Hotel. Aaron Goldman, the president, presided. — The Torkton Enterprise, Sask.—July 4, 1957.

A. William directs D.M.R. Petroleum and Gas Branch

Hon. J. H. Brockelbank announced that Alfred John Williams has been appointed director of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Branch of the Department of Mineral Resources, effective July 1, 2957. Mr. Williams will take the post vacated by J. T. Cassley, who was recently promoted to Deputy Minister of the Department.

Mr. Williams was born at Enderby, B.C., and grew up in Saskatchewan. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in Chemical Engineering in 1937 and worked in eastern Canada for the next 10 years. He spent the war years with General Engineering at Scarborough, Ontario, on explosions work and then became a consulting geologist at Red Lake.



ALFRED JOHN WILLIAMS

In March of 1947 he came to Saskatchewan as head of the Industrial Development Branch of the Department of Natural Resources, and in 1952 he transferred into the Mines Branch as a petroleum engineer. In 1955 he was promoted to principal reservoir engineer and then last January became chief reservoir engineer.

He is married and has three children.

Mr. Williams is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Saskatchewan, the Engineering Institute of Canada and of the Chemical Institute of Canada.

The sponge is really an animal. The dry material that we use as a "sponge" is the horny skeleton.

CN passenger train derailed

Local residents had an opportunity last Thursday morning to view a train wreck first hand, when it was learned that the local Canadian National passenger was derailed three miles east of the Russell station. En route to Winnipeg with no passengers aboard four cars jumped the rails and tore up a considerable length of track. Due to the fact that the engine remained on the rails the cars were held in more or less an upright position, coming to rest deep in the grade. Train crews were called from Brandon to repair the damage.

No explanation has been given as to the cause of the derailment. Earlier reports that the type of engine used was too heavy for the rails, has been denied by railway officials. — The Banner, Russell, Man., July 4, 1957.

Pillow ponies



7023

by Alice Brooks

Horse right in your home! Scatter these colorful pillows in a bedroom or playroom. Young and old—all ages will love them!

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Long-term protection against crime

New Haven is an open Borstal-type institution situated in the Municipality of Surrey between the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster in British Columbia.

The scattered frame buildings, grouped around the old country mansion which now serves as an administrative building and hous es the kitchen, dining room, chapel and infirmary, sit in 65 acres of sloping, partly wooded farmland, overlooking the Fraser River.

The Institution is for the training of those young adults between the ages of 16 and 23 who are committed by the Adult Courts of British Columbia. As the accommodation is limited to 40, it is selective and only those who after examination are felt to be likely to respond to an intensive type of training under open conditions are sent to New Haven. The program emphasizes character training in its broader sense—education for citizenship. All lads take part in vocational training during the working part of the day and in the evenings undergo formal education, hobbies, physical culture and a varied program of informal group activities. Religious training is considered to be of prime importance and emphasis is laid on moral training and the achievement of values and standards. An active, competitive sports program is an integral part of the life of the Institution.

Youths are released on Licence under the supervision of a volunteer, Province wide After-Care Association when they are considered ready for release, and can be recalled if unsatisfactory.

The New Haven Borstal Institution is unique in Canada for the highly personalized treatment it is able to give under conditions of relative freedom and trust. It is operated by the Provincial Government of British Columbia and comes under the Attorney-General's Department.

The success New Haven has attained over the past 10 years of its operation is evidence of the type of service the Institution is able to provide.

Ministers of Agriculture stop in Davidson

Davidson and this Ag. Rep. district was honored last Thursday with a visit of a group of Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, their wives and departmental Assistants. A morning coffee meeting the party stopped at the Ag. Rep. office and were met by Mr. W. Kunkel and the other officials. A very pleasant break in the trip was had and Mrs. Kunkel assisted Mr. Heinrich and several other ladies served refreshments.

Included in the party were Deputy Minister of Agriculture Wm. MacKinnon and Mrs. MacGillivray of Calgary, B.C.; Hon. D. Halmrast and Mrs. Halmrast of Alberta; Deputy Minister R. M. Putnam and Mrs. Putnam of Alberta; Deputy Minister Dr. J. R. Bell and Mrs. Bell of Man.; Deputy Minister Dr. C. D. Graham of Ont.; Deputy Minister Dr. Rene Tremblay of Quebec; Hon. K. D. Hailburton and Mrs. Hailburton of Nova Scotia; Dr. F. W. Walsh, Deputy Minister of Welfare; Hon. C. B. Sherwood, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick and Deputy Minister Dr. E. M. Taylor; Hon. I. C. Nollet and Mrs. Nollet and Deputy Minister W. H. Horner and Mrs. Horner of Sask.; Hon. C. L. Shuttleworth, Minister of Manitoba.

The tour which visited the Experimental Farms at Indian Head and Fort. Qu'Appelle, observed a water blasting demonstration at McLean, visited the dam site and Outlook and took the Plon-Era at Saskatoon, was arranged by Mr. Ernie McKenzie and H. J. Hutchison of the Ag. Rep. department in Regina.

The only Ag. Rep. office visited on the tour was in Davidson. The party was given an outline of this Ag. Rep. area and the work done by the various organizations connected with the Ag. Rep. district. Members of the party of agricultural ministers were very impressed with Davidson's Park—Ag. Rep. Davidson, Sask., July 10, 1957.

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SNAKE COLONY DISCOVERED NEAR ESTEVAN



A colony of approximately 1,500 snakes was discovered recently about four miles from Estevan. The snakes, found by Tom Gen. Hardy, Regina, and examined by members of the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, proved to be Red-Sided Garter Snakes coming out of hibernation.

Dr. Robert W. Nero, assistant director at the museum, said the snakes were found in a gulley, evidently the result of a cave in, about 100 feet long, 10 feet wide and 20 feet deep. The gulley lay at the top of a hill.

"About 500 snakes were visible, clus-ed together like oversized spaghetti and we estimated that a probable 500 more were burrowed underneath the ground," he said.

He explained that snakes, during September or October, search around for good spots to hibernate for the winter. Some have been known to burrow into ant hills. They remain in hibernation until April or May and during that time feed off their own body fat.

"This gulley at Estevan, proved to be such an ideal place to hibernate that many snakes flocked together in it," he said.

Dr. Nero expressed his appreciation to the public for informing the museum of such occurrences.

"It is through the interest of the public that the museum is able to thrive and continue its studies of the wide variety of Saskatchewan wild life. Some of the most interesting specimens in the museum collection were first discovered by amateur naturalists," he said.

BLUENOSE SPECIAL LEAVES FOR EAST

Mustangs, memories of life in Canada's Maritime Provinces came crowding back for 78 people from all over Western Canada as they boarded the CNR's Continental last weekend.

All of them are former Maritimers going back on holiday to the province of their birth, to renew old memories and re-acquaint themselves with relations and friends. Some have not been back for 30 or 40 years. Others are taking their children to show them the homes where their parents were brought up.

Taking advantage of the "Bluenose" excursion—a return fare one which brought 120 Easterners to visit Western Canada recently —the provincial groups boarded the train at Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

During the three-week trip, stopovers will be made en route at Toronto, Niagara Falls, and Quebec City.

CNR starts new Sask. tri-city Railner service August 4

A new CNR Railiner service between Regina, Prince Albert and Saskatoon, will begin operation on August 4.

The new Railiner schedules will provide a faster and more convenient service between the three Saskatchewan cities. The running time between Regina and Saskatoon has been cut two hours and fifteen minutes, and almost one hour between Saskatoon and Prince Albert.

The new equipment—which replaces steam-powered trains — will be on public display for brief periods prior to the inauguration of the new service.

More people speak the Chinese and Mongolian dialects than any other language.

(The Free Press, Acton, Ont.—July 4, 1957)



NO FISH STORY—THE REAL McCOY—Believe it or not, Les McGilloway was on the receiving end of a fishing pole last Thursday when he landed a 29-inch pike weighing five and three-quarter pounds. For the fishermen who claim there are no big ones in our little lake, take a look at the picture. You can almost see the fish moving as it was alive at the time the picture was taken. Perhaps the story has travelled before this by the looks of the fishermen at the park last week.

1630 MILES LONG

The Alaska highway extends 1,630 miles from Dawson Creek, B.C. to Fairbanks, Alaska.

WONDERS OF ANCIENTS

The pyramids and the Sphinx are the only ones left of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.



THREE MEMBERS of the Portage la Prairie 38th Battery, 26th Field Regiment (SP) RCA tidy things up at Camp Shilo. Left to right are Gunners George Cameron, Oliver Grasthaan and Don Barnes, all of Portage la Prairie.

The secondary industries

An important section of the preliminary report of the Gordon Commission deals with the growth and development of what the Commissioners refer to as "secondary" manufacturing industries.

The term secondary refers to industries such as textiles, clothing, iron and steel, chemicals, electrical apparatus, etc., which produce end products rather than industrial materials and which sell their output mainly in Canada. The term distinguishes these industries from the "primary" industries which are based mainly on the processing of natural resources for export.

The report makes the point very clearly that such Canadian industries are "secondary" only in the sense that they represent an advanced stage in Canadian industrial development; they are not "secondary" in their importance to the general economy of the country.

On the contrary such industries today account for 22 percent of the net output of the Canadian economy and employ about 20 percent of the labor force. The Gordon Commission predicted that they will become increasingly important in the bright future which is foreseen for Canada and very sensibly recommends more attention to their particular problems.

B.C. Power Commission will supply additional electricity

City council Tuesday night accepted a recent offer of the British Columbia Power Commission to provide additional electrical power to the city as required.

First step in this direction will be the installation of a 500 kw diesel unit about Oct. 1. This may be a mobile unit.—The Review, Revelstoke Review, B.C., July 11, 1957.

Motorists awake Stanjek family with house in flames

Passing motorists are probably responsible for saving the lives of Mr. and Mrs. William Stanjek and their five children when their farm home near Engelfeld was destroyed by fire recently.—The Journal, Humboldt, Sask.

IN THE HOME WORKSHOP — WITH WYETH SPEARS

Barbecue

Concrete blocks of standard sizes are used for this easy-to-build barbecue. It is lined with fire brick. Pattern 426, which shows



every step, outlines amounts of materials required, is 40c. Packet 50 contains five patterns for homestead improvements including this barbecue for $3.50. Orders under $1.75 add 3c service chg.

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Here is a workbench that will stand up under the most rugged use. The reason is that it has a heavy base that is screwed and bolted together. The bolts supporting the screws at points taking the most stress. The top, made of 2 by 8-inch stock bolted side to side gives a good solid working surface. A useful feature about this bench is that an exten-



sion for power tools may be attached at the end. Your power tools are fixed to individual bases of plywood which may be interchanged on the extention in a jiffy, using bolts with wing nuts. Where space is limited this is a practical outfit to use various tools with only one motor. Patterns are 40c each. Order 338 for the bench and 337 for the extension.

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Home Workshop Patterns, Department P.P.I., 4453 West 5th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Gay patchwork for the bench



7028

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There's no place like home—and here it is, in excited patchwork! Decorate a youngster's bed with this colorful quilt; or use one block alone for a pillow!

Pattern 7028: Chart, directions, pattern of patches, Yardages for crib and youth-bed size quilts.

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Ex. 3 c.w.	.49⅝
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Ex. 1 feed	.49⅝
1 feed	.47⅝
Barley—	
No. 1 c.w. 6 row	.81
No. 2 c.w. 6 row	.81
No. 3 c.w. 6 row	.79
No. 4 c.w. 6 row	.70
No. 1 c.w. 2 row	.74
No. 2 c.w. 2 row	.74
No. 3 c.w. 2 row	.71
1 feed	.70
Rye—	
2 c.w.	.80
3 c.w.	.75
4 c.w.	.66
Ergoty	.66
Flax—	
1 c.w.	2.23
2 c.w.	2.23
3 c.w.	2.19
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No. 2 Northern	1.17⅛
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1957

IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

Reports from Ottawa indicate that the affairs of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship are shortly to come under searching scrutiny by the new Government. A sweeping revision of immigration regulations and the way in which they are administered is apparently contemplated.

Such changes will be welcome. Bureaucratic red-tape has long served as a serious deterrent to many prospective immigrants and has worked undoubted hardships on others.

The changes contemplated by the Diefenbaker Government, it seems, are along the lines recommended by the sub-committee of the Canadian Bar Association, which properly deplored the lack of clearly-defined instructions needed to guide Immigration Department officials in determining the admissibility of immigrants. However, important as clearly-defined instructions may be, the greatest need in immigration policy is flexibility, with the individual applicant being assured of the right to appeal an official decision to an impartial tribunal. An immigration appeal board, it is true, now exists, having been established in deference to the representations made by the Canadian Bar Association and in deference to judicial criticism of immigration procedures. However, so long as the board includes only one member who is not an official of the Immigration Department, it can hardly be expected to be quite impartial.

In revising administration and procedure, it should be one of the first tasks of the Diefenbaker Government to re-define the functions and powers of the appeal board, and to ensure that its composition is such as to free it from even the suggestion of departmental control.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING

Proposal of National Homebuilders' Association urging Federal Government to establish ministry of housing is unsound. Association, in telegram to Prime Minister Diefenbaker, is reported to have protested against "use of the housing industry as an anti-cyclical instrument by the Dominion Government and the Bank of Canada." Establishment of ministry of housing, proposed by Association, would bring housing industry even more closely under political cloak than it is now.

In housing, as in other industries, greatest need is that decisions should be made on economic rather than on political grounds. Notion that homebuilding is being unduly squeezed by present monetary policies is illusion. Fact is that chartered banks, in consultation with Bank of Canada, only a few months ago undertook to make $150 million available for housing mortgage loans. This suggests that housing industry, instead of being discriminated against by Bank of Canada, is already enjoying a more privileged position than many other industries.

Local & District

Mr. and Mrs. Van Riper had as guests over Mr. and Mrs. Salon, of Calgary.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Olson and family, left Thursday evening for a two weeks' motor trip to British Columbia.

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Kennie and Marilyn Sinclair spent a week in Calgary visiting with their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dickson.

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Congradulations go to Mr. and Mrs. C. O Stubbs, who are the proud parents of a baby girl.

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Mr. and Mrs. Killian and son left Saturday evening for a two weeks' vacation by motor to visit relatives and friends in B.C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jeffries and family, were week end visitors at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dickson and family spent a few days in Delia visiting Mrs. Dickson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Stubbs.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Sinclair spent the week end at Delia with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sinclair.

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Steve Dmytruk and son, of Victoria, B.C., were motor visitors for a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dmytruk in Delia.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Kary left Sunday for a two weeks' vacation, visiting their son Stanley, of the R.C.M.P., in B.C. Their daughter, Louise, who has been visiting her brother, will return home with them.

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On Friday, July 26th, a fire occurred on the farm of Si. Martin. It appears a neighbour was burning some trash, when the fire got the better of him and burned over 60 acres of prairie and brome hay land.

Mrs. Limpert (Sr.) celebrated her 90th birthday Monday of this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lester Battle and family, left Sunday morning for Vancouver, where they will visit relatives. Their daughter, Cherrone, who has been holidaying there for some time, will return home with them.

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There was a break in the dry weather—commencing Tuesday evg. of last week, with electric storms, and liberal rains lasting until Friday. At present writing the weather is more settled, with temperatures in the 70's.



RAINFALL AND YIELD

A Commentary

The high level of production and the burdensome wheat surplus in Western Canada, have been attributed largely to the rainfall that has occurred during the past five years. However, while no one will deny the effect which rainfall did have upon yields, the interesting thing, revealed from a study of the precipitation records since 1931, is that in several of these years it was not the total amount of rainfall which occurred during the growing season that made for higher yields in Western Canada so much as its incidence, or range of occurrence.

In 1953 for example, with rather normal rains for Saskatchewan the previous fall and slightly less than normal rains for the province during the actual growing season, Saskatchewan produced its third largest crop in history with an average yield of 20.8 bushels per acre. Again in 1952, when less than normal rains occurred in all three provinces during the growing season, an all-time record of 678 million bushels of wheat were produced in the Prairie Provinces with an average yield of 26.7 bushels per acre. In this instance, it was the heavy fall rains (as well as below which) largely responsible, sustaining the crop in the spring of 1952 through a difficult period. Still again in 1956—and this is perhaps the most striking example of inadequate moisture—Saskatchewan started out the season with moisture reserves from the previous fall that were only 59% of normal. Extremely dry conditions during the growing season up to June 15th, gave little promise of a crop when, as in 1952, the rains began to fall and to fall at precisely the desired intervals to assure another very high provincial yield—this time of 24.4 bushels per acre. Actual total rainfall for the growing season was less than normal. Thus several of the very large crops in recent years appear to have been largely the result of a lucky "break" in the weather rather than something connected in the way of precipitation during the growing season.

CNR Appointments

J. G. Small has been appointed transport economist for the Canadian National Railways' western region, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

J. M. Cormod, of Port Arthur, has been appointed freight traffic representative for the Canadian National Railways at Edmonton.

Colin C. Henderson, a graduate of the University of Manitoba and the Manitoba Law School, has been appointed solicitor in the Canadian National Railways' law department at Winnipeg.

Prime Minister's Proposal For a Commonwealth Trade Conference

TORONTO.—When Prime Minister Diefenbaker left London in July he undertook to formulate a definite proposal for a Commonwealth trade conference next year and lay it in front of Britain and the other dominions within two weeks, according to Maclean's Magazine.

Until the proposal is in front of them, the British are in a difficult position as a result of Diefenbaker's outspoken but vague support of increased empire trade, Blair Fraser, the magazine's Ottawa editor, reports from London.

"If we're silent we seem to be snubbing a tirelessly approach on his part," Fraser quotes a British Foreign Office official as saying. "On the other hand we can't rush out and welcome proposals without hearing some ideas what they are."

Indirectly Diefenbaker's trade commments produced a second source of embarrassment for the U.K. government by providing fresh propaganda fodder for right-wing groups who are fighting British participation in the common European market plan.

This is why Diefenbaker got such a near-hysterical welcome in one section of the British press, Fraser says. It may also explain, he suggests, why there is no mention of Diefenbaker's proposal in the entire official communique of the ten-day conference.

The same issue of Maclean's points out that, if he is held to his own statements, Diefenbaker will be under the gun either to cut CBC television deficits or find new revenue for the network's programs.

"I find it difficult to understand why the CBC with the best outlets in Canada is continually in the red while Canada Steamships is making money," the prime minister is quoted as saying on the floor of the House on June 20. "I believe the time has come to put a stop to this trend."

If Diefenbaker carries out his pledge your-way or-else policy "for the CBC in terms of two alternatives: a cutback in television programming or an attempt to get sponsors to pay the bulk of CBC programs," according to the Maclean's article, a survey of where television stands after the first year.

The article makes two conclusions, based on the opinions of qualified observers, on changes which might be expected in Canadian broadcasting under Conservative administration.

(1) A new body to take over from the CBC the regulation and control of broadcasting, its functions to include sales and publicity owned stations.

(2) The granting of licenses to private TV stations in the CBC's six great monopoly strongholds, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Vancouver.

NoEarly Cash Advances

Prime Minister Diefenbaker stated this week that any decision to initiate cash advances in grain must first be endorsed by parliament. The next session does not open until October 14th. He did not indicate whether he was planning on introducing such legislation.

Cards of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends in Delia and district for their kindness in giving us the splendid farewell party on the occasion of our leaving to take over a new business in Consort.

We also desire to extend sincere thanks for cards and gifts received by Mrs. Stubbs while a patient in the Hanna hospital, who is now convalescing satisfactorily.

Again, many thanks to all, and assure you your kindnesses are deeply appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Stubbs

To all those who helped to put out the fire on my farm, a grateful Thank You. Your help was essential and deeply appreciated.

T. F. Martin

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During the next 30 days, scientists R. L. Pharis, Alberta's Supervisor of Crop Improvement Service, alfalfa seed producers should check their fields carefully. This insect can be controlled, he adds, by dusting or spraying alfalfa plantings with proper chemicals such as D.D.T., Aldrin or Toxaphene. Where possible, spraying or dusting should be done before the alfalfa comes into bloom. In this way the killing of pollinating insects can be avoided. If the alfalfa is in flower, it should be treated in the late evening, when pollinators have left the field.

For further information contact your District Agriculturist or the Field Crops Branch, Edmonton, Alta.

Poultry Price Supports

Effective July 17 the federal government placed price supports and import controls on turkey and fowl. The price for turkeys is 25 cents per pound liveweight at Toronto and Montreal for birds of 20 pounds or less, with as yet unnamed differentials for other weights and other market centres. The support price on fowl is 23 cents per pound liveweight for birds 5 pounds and over delivered in Toronto.

In making the announcement, Acting Agriculture Minister Hon. D. S. Harkness said imports of turkeys have reached abnormal proportions and threatened to ruin the Canadian turkey industry if not controlled. He said he hoped the government actions will relieve conditions on the Canadian turkey and fowl market and enable producers to obtain prices for their product which would obviate serious losses which otherwise appeared inevitable.

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